



Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Ruapehu District Māori Council)

Agenda

Friday 12 September 2014

at 10.30am

Council Chamber, Huia Street, Taumarunui



Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Ruapehu District Māori Council)

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF TE KAUNIHERA MĀORI A ROHE O RUAPEHU
(RUAPEHU DISTRICT MĀORI COUNCIL) WILL BE HELD IN THE
TAUMARUNUI ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER), HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 10.30AM

MEMBERS

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor

Don Cameron
Marion Gillard
Pita Pehi

Ohura Ward
Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Iwi Representatives:
Chairperson

Edwin Ashford
Wayne Hudson

Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hinemihi)
Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairo Hapu)

Raukura Tangaihaere
Evelyn Kereopa
Georgina Cribb

Maniapoto (Te Koura Putaroa)
Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi)
Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC)

Arthur Edmonds
Tira Pehi

Tamahaki Council of Hapu
Ngāti Hinewai and Uenuku Hapu

Staff:

Peter Till
Pauline Welch
Margaret Hawthorne
Pam Bicknell
Warren Furner
Anne- Marie Westcott
Jo Tocker
Rayden Horton

Chief Executive
Group Manager Corporate Services
Group Manager Community Services
Group Manager Corporate Services
Team Leader Land Transport
Environmental Manager
Policy Planner
Adminstrator (Te Kaunihera Māori)

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON

Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu

(Ruapehu District Māori Council)

Terms of Reference

1 **Representatives**

A total of nine iwi representatives and three appointed Council representatives:

Tuwharetoa Iwi

- Ngāti Hikairo Hapu (1)
- Ngāti Hinemihi (1)
- Vacant (1)

Maniapoto Iwi

- Ngāti Pahere (1)
- Te Ihingārangi (1)
- Tuhua Hikurangi RMC (1)

Southern Iwi

- Tamahaki Council of Hapu (1)
- Ngāti Hinewai and Uenuku Hapu (1)
- Vacant (1)

Council (3)

If representatives are unable to attend a meeting any substitutes would need a written mandate. Other interested parties are welcome to attend and sit in the public gallery.

2 **Delegated Powers and Duties**

The RDMC has the authority to:

- (a) Represent to Council on all governance issues relating to the statutory functions, powers and duties within its terms of reference.
- (b) Recommend how Council should develop Māori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes.
- (c) Review and determine how the steps that Council will take to develop Māori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes should be described, planned and monitored in the draft and final Ten Year Plan.
- (d) Formally receive iwi/hapu management plans.
- (e) Recommend the establishment of working parties as the need arises.

He Karakia Timatanga

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua
He maungārongo ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa
Hangā e te Atua he ngākau hou
Ki roto, ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou
Whakatōngia to wairua tapu
Hei awhina, hei tohutohu i a mātou
I ngā mahi mō tēnei rā

He Karakia Whakamutunga

Kia tau
Ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou Āriki
A Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhinga tahitanga
Ki te wairua tapu
Ake ake ake
Āmine

HIMENE

He Honore

He honore he kororia
Maungarongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki nga tangata katoa
Ake, ake, ake, ake
Amine
Te Atua, te piringa
Toku oranga

Whakaaria Mai

Whakaaria mai
To rīpeka ki a au
Tiaho mai, rā roto i te pō
Kei kōnā au
Titiro atu ai
Ora mate
Hei au koe noho ai

Tama Ngakau Marie

Tama ngākau mārie	Son of peace
Tama a te Atua	Son of God
Tēnei tonu mātou	here we are always.
Arohaina mai	Show us compassion.

Murua rā ngā hara	Wipe away our sins,
Wetekina mai	and unshackle
Ēnei here kino	these evil ties
Whakararu nei	that are so troublesome

Tama ngākau mārie
Tama a te Atua
Tēnei tonu mātou
Arohaina mai

Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Ruapehu District Māori Council)

ORDER PAPER

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ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 10.30AM

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Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori**Meeting Date:** 12 September 2014**Subject:** Deputation: Ngarau Tarawa**Document No:** 587692**File:** M35-0072**Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise that Ngarau Tarawa will be in attendance to discuss the proposed Manunui Effluent Facility with Members.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on Deputation: Ngarau Tarawa (Manunui Effluent Facility) be received.

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Jo Tocker
POLICY PLANNER

22 August 2014

Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: Deputation: Shane Te Wiki (Native Trees - O'Reilly Crescent / Carving)

Document No: 587693

File: M35-0072



Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise that Shane Te Wiki, a local carver will be in attendance to discuss the possibility of utilising the native trees from the O'Reilly Crescent reserve for carving and also to discuss the possibility of installing appropriate carving(s) in the foyer of Council's Administration Building.

Background

- 2.1 In 2007 when Council's Administration Building was in the planning and building phase, Council staff explored the possibility of installing carving(s) in the entrance area.
- 2.2 It proved impossible to establish appropriate carving(s) for Council's Administration Building and the project was shelved.
- 2.3 The native trees from the O'Reilly Crescent reserve will have to be cut down in the near future because they are interfering with local houses and will fall down at some stage. The current native trees are not appropriate for an urban area and replacement trees will be planted.
- 2.4 Recently Council's Chief Executive Peter Till was approached to donate the trees to a local carver.

Discussion

- 3.1 The trees could be used to create fine carving(s) for the foyer of Council's Administration Building.
- 3.2 Shane Te Wiki is a local carver who has received awards from Hamilton for his work. He would appreciate the chance to engage with Te Kaunihera Māori a rohe o Ruapehu (Te Kaunihera Māori) to discuss his proposal on appropriate carving(s).

Suggested Resolution(s)

- 1 That the Report on Deputation: Shane Te Wiki (Native Trees - O'Reilly Crescent / Carving) be received.
- 2 That Shane Te Wiki submit a concept plan of his proposal for appropriate carving(s) for the foyer of Council's Administration Building.

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Jo Tocker
POLICY PLANNER
 22 August 2014

Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori**Meeting Date:** 12 September 2014**Subject:** Deputation: Richard Kingi**Document No:** 587798**File:** M35-0072**Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise that Richard Kingi will be in attendance to give a presentation about a tourism venture on the Whanganui Awa and to give an update on Hapu and Marae Development in Pipiriki.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on Deputation: Richard Kingi be received.

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Jo Tocker
POLICY PLANNER

25 August 2014

TE KAUNIHERA MĀORI A ROHE O RUAPEHU
(RUAPEHU DISTRICT MĀORI COUNCIL)

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 4 JULY 2014 AT 10.30AM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Councillors:	Don Cameron Marion Gillard Pita Pehi	Mayor Ohura Ward Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Iwi Representatives: Chairperson	Edwin Ashford Wayne Hudson	Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hinemihi) (Part) Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairoa Hapu)
	Gina Cribb Raukura Tangihaere	Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC) Maniapoto (Ngāti Pahere Hapu)
	Tira Pehi	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Hapu
Council Staff:	Peter Till Pauline Welch Margaret Hawthorne Anne-Marie Westcott Pam Bicknell Andrea Nicol Jo Tocker	Chief Executive (Part) Group Manager Customer Services (Part) Group Manager Community Services (Part) Environmental Manager (Part) Group Manager Corporate Services (Part) Technical Services Co-ordinator (Part) Policy Planner / Iwi Liaison
Observers:	Gregory Keenan Jackie Te Moananui	Mana Ariki Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee

1 KARAKIA

M80-0057

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES
RESOLVED

M80-0057

Councillor Gillard / Member Hudson

That the apologies from Members Evelyn Kereopa and Arthur Edmonds be received and Leave of Absence granted and, the apology for lateness from Mayor Don Cameron and Raukura Tangihaere be received.

3 KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS)

Jamie Downes was unable to attend the meeting and gave his apologies to Members.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2014

M35-0072

RESOLVED

Member Hudson / Councillor Gillard

That the Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting held on 28 March 2014, are confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 583339 – RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED KING TAWHIAO SIGN

M35-0072

Members considered a Report to ratify the proposed King Tawhiao sign in order for the upgrade project to proceed to the implementation stage. Chairperson Ashford acknowledged the lengthy consultation process with local iwi and the wider community.

RESOLVED

Members Hudson / Cribb

That the Report on the Ratification of the Proposed King Tawhiao Sign be received.

6 583180 – IMPENDING REPRESENTATION REVIEW – MĀORI REPRESENTATION

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Impending Representation Review - Māori Representation. Members asked that the Report lie on the table for further discussion. Pauline Welch, Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

The discussion triggered a variation of opinions about the representation of Māori. Member Hudson stated that Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) was still in its infancy and needed time to grow. Following a lengthy discussion the general consensus supported Te Kaunihera Māori forum remaining as status quo.

RESOLVED

Councillors Gillard / Pehi

1 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation lie on the table for further discussion.*

2 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation be uplifted off the table.*

RESOLVED

Councillor Pehi / Member Hudson

3 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation be received.*

- 4 *That Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) Forum remains as status quo.*

7 548272 – TAUMARUNUI LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Taumarunui Library Project Update. Margaret Hawthorne, Council's Group Manager Community Services spoke to the report and answered Members' questions. She also advised that completion date for the library was likely to be the end of August. Councillor Pehi suggested that bi-lingual signs be used in the library.

RESOLVED

Councillor Pehi / Member Cribb

- 1 *That the Report on the Taumarunui Library Project Update be received.*
- 2 *That any new library signage be bi-lingual.*

8 583586 – APPARENTLY ABANDONED LANDS

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Apparently Abandoned Land properties that were publicly advertised in the Ruapehu Bulletin on 27 May 2014 and the Ruapehu Press on 28 May 2014. Pam Bicknell, Council's Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members questions. She advised that as part of Council's rates arrears process all general land properties advertised as apparently abandoned land are sent to the Māori Land Court. She also advised that the Māori Land Court has no interest in the current list of apparently abandoned land properties.

RESOLVED

Members Tangihaere / Pehi

- 1 *That the Report on Apparently Abandoned Lands be confirmed.*
- 2 *That an update on rating issues be given at every Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting.*

9 OHAKUNE MOUNTAIN ROAD POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Members were given an update on the Ohakune Mountain Road rehabilitation programme. Council's Technical Services Co-ordinator, Andrea Nicol gave a PowerPoint and answered Members questions. She also advised that the PowerPoint has also been presented to Ngāti Rangī and Ngāti Uenuku iwi. Members discussed the environmental impacts associated to the rehabilitation programme.

10 583590 - CORRESPONDENCE

M35-0072

Members considered the internal and external correspondence received.

RESOLVED

Member Tangihaere / Councillor Pehi

That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence be confirmed.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:15pm and Chairperson Ashford left the meeting at this time.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00pm and in the absence of Chairperson Ashford, the meeting was chaired by Member Tira Pehi.

11 **583394 – UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report giving an overview on the progress of the following matters:

- **Iwi Representation Mandate Letters**
 - Members who are yet to submit their mandate letters to Council were reminded to do so as soon as possible.
- **Rates Working Party – Public Rating Hui**
 - Public rating hui were held at Morero Marae in Taumarunui on 23 May 2014 and at Raetihi Pa in Raetihi on 28 May 2014.
 - The hui were well received by the general public who attended.
 - Members are grateful to the Māori Land Court and Te Puni Kokiri for their attendance and support at the hui.
- **Strategic Communications Plan**
 - Members will be meeting on 1 August 2014 to discuss the Strategic Communication Plan document.
- **Te Kaunihera Māori Survey**
 - Rayden Horton, Te Kaunihera Māori Administrator will conduct a survey in the townships of Ohakune, Raetihi and Taumarunui during the July school holidays. The general purpose of the survey is to find out if Te Kaunihera Māori is known to the wider community. Details of the survey will presented to Members at the meeting on 12 September 2014.
- **Ohura Water Supply**
 - Mayor Don Cameron gave an update on the Ohura Water Supply. He advised that a referendum process is being undertaken to decide the future of the current Water Supply.
- **Draft Boundary Maps**
 - Council's Information Systems Administrator, Stuart Campbell is working on the draft boundary maps for each Members respective iwi/hapu/marae. Once he has completed a draft version copies will be given back to Members to check that he has drafted the boundaries correctly. Member Tangihaere mapped out the proposed boundary for her respective hapu representation.
- **National Park Water Supply**
 - Members considered a Report on the National Park Water Supply Land Use and Regional Council Resource Consents. Council's Environmental Manager, Anne-Marie Westcott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the National Park Water Supply and answered Members questions.

Unconfirmed

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RESOLVED**Members Hudson / Pehi**

- 1 *That the Report on the National Park Water Supply Land Use and Regional Council Resource Consents be received.*
- 2 *That consultation should take place with Ngāti Hikairo and Ngāti Uenuku for resource consent purposes.*

RESOLVED**Councillors Cameron / Gillard***That the Report on the Updates and Progress Report be received.***12 583565 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES***M35-0072*

Members considered a report on Issues from Representatives:

- Strategic Direction Plan
 - Members agreed to meet on 1 August 2014 to discuss a strategic direction for the group which will include the following:
 - What are the future goals?
 - How to achieve these goals?
 - Is the current structure efficient/effective?
- Taumarunui Landfill
 - Member Cribb raised concerns that a toxic blow-out had occurred at the Taumarunui landfill.
 - Mayor Don Cameron stated that a pumice bank had collapsed, but no residue had reached the river and that the problem had been rectified.

RESOLVED**Members Cribb / Hudson***That the Report on the Issues from Representatives be received.*

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a karakia and himene by Members at 3:15pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 12th day of September 2014.

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON – (Until 1:15pm)

Tira Pehi
ACTING CHAIRPERSON – (From 2:00pm)

Report to: Ruapehu District Māori Council

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: River Valley Meetings

Document No: 587860

File: R76-0047



Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to introduce to the Ruapehu Maori Council the River Valley Community Engagement model for prioritising Council's minor road improvement works.

Background

- 2.1 Councils Land Transport Budgets include an activity called Minor Improvements. The activity is subsidised by NZTA at 62% and has an allocation of funds calculated at 8% of our maintenance and renewal works. The budget is approximately \$750,000 with a maximum single project value of \$250,000.
- 2.2 The Community Engagement Model was introduced in 2009 as a means of connecting with the grass roots of the Ruapehu community. The meetings are organised by Council officers and hosted by the local community representatives. There are ten identified discrete Valley communities, Officers, contractors and engineers meet with three Valley communities each year. The Valley meetings are now entering the third rotation of the entire District and have proved very successful as an engagement model. In 2012 Council received the Local Government New Zealand Excellence Award for Community Engagement as result of this work.

Discussion

- 3.1 Topics for discussion include a high level overview of Council's road maintenance and renewal programme, followed quickly by an invitation to the community to take part in identifying and prioritising minor improvement works at the local level. Works include very basic safety improvements and sometimes larger earthworks associated with sight lines.
- 3.2 The Land Transport/Economic Manager will be in attendance to present the Valley meeting concept to Members.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on River Valley Meetings be received.

Warren Furner

LAND TRANSPORT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

25 August 2014

Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: Māori Wards

Document No: 587713

File: M35-0072



Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to allow Members to discuss the Report on Māori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review presented to Council on 12 August 2014.

Background

- 2.1 A Report on the Impending Representation Review - Māori Representation was discussed by Members at the meeting on 4 July 2014.
- 2.2 A Report on Māori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review was presented and discussed by Council's Elected Members at its meeting on 12 August 2014. The Report details the background on Māori Wards and a copy of this Report is attached for Members' information.
- 2.3 An example of a reconfigured Ward boundary map and examples of various options and scenarios for Wards were presented to Elected Members in a PowerPoint. The purpose of the examples was to give an overview of what the Wards may be like, should Māori Wards be established.
- 2.4 Council's Elected Members recognised that further discussion on Māori Wards was needed and deferred the discussion back to the table of Te Kaunihera Māori a rohe o Ruapehu (Te Kaunihera Māori).

Discussion

- 3.1 A PowerPoint presentation will be given to Members at the meeting.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on Maori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review be received.

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Jo Tocker
POLICY PLANNER

22 August 2014

Attachments Report to Council (12 August 2014) - Māori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review

Attachment

Report to: Council

Meeting Date: 12 August 2014

Subject: **Māori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review**

Document No: 586292

File: G40-0013

**Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to discuss Māori Representation in the Ruapehu District and outline the decisions needed before the upcoming Representation Review.

Background**2.1 Legal and Statutory Requirements for Māori Wards**

- 2.1.1 Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA), local authorities are required to undertake a Representation Review at least once every six years.
- 2.1.2 A Representation Review is a formal review of a Local Authority's electoral arrangements. These arrangements include the electoral process, the establishment, removal or modification of Wards and Community Boards, the number of electoral wards, the names and boundaries of the Wards, and the number of elected representatives.
- 2.1.3 The opportunity for local authorities to consider establishing Māori Wards is a separate process which needs to be determined prior to the Representation Review. This is because decisions on whether or not Māori Wards are to be established will affect the representation arrangements overall, eg, how the Wards are set up, the number of Councillors in each Ward and the Māori Wards and so on.
- 2.1.4 According to Section 19Z and 19ZA of the LEA, a local authority can make a resolution to establish Māori Wards. The resolution must be determined no later than 23 November 2014 if it is to apply for the 2016 local elections.
- 2.1.5 Public notice of a resolution is required no later than seven days following the resolution to establish Māori Wards. Public notice of the resolution must include a statement advising electors that they have a right to demand a poll on the issue. If demanded, this poll could revoke the Council resolution.
- 2.1.6 Māori Wards could also be established by public poll. A local authority may resolve (at any time) to conduct a poll on whether Māori Wards should be included in a district or, alternatively, 5% of electors may demand a poll to consider the need for Māori Wards. So, in summary there are three ways Māori Wards can be established:
- Council resolution.
 - Public demand a poll.
 - Council carry out a poll.

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2.1.7 Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) local authorities are required to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority and to provide opportunities to build and foster Māori development and capacity in the decision-making processes of the local authority.

2.2 Ruapehu District Māori Council (Te Kaunihera Māori A Rohe O Ruapehu)

2.2.1 In 2008 and 2009, Council worked with local iwi in order to establish the best form of representation that would meet the interests and needs of Māori. During this time, presentations were given by other local authorities on different methods of representation. As a result, the desired method supported by local iwi was for a non-electoral option in terms of a committee structure rather than the electoral option of Māori Wards.

2.2.2 An informal meeting to establish a Terms of Reference for a committee structure type representation was held on 31 March 2009 with Council representatives, staff and local iwi.

2.2.3 Council resolved to establish the Ruapehu District Māori Council (RDMC) at its meeting on 28 April 2009. As such the RDMC was officially established and is known today as Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Te Kaunihera Māori).

2.2.4 The inaugural meeting of RDMC was held on 25 September 2009. Since then regular meetings of the RDMC have continued to occur on a six weekly cycle. This averages eight meetings per year. As a result of the meetings, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the RDMC and Council was officially signed on 15 February 2013.

2.2.5 As part of the Exceptions Annual Plan 2011/12 process, Council resolved to allocate funding of up to \$15,000 for meeting allowances for the RDMC. To meet the funding requirements, Members must be mandated by their respective iwi/hapu/marae. A meeting fee of \$150 is paid per meeting and mileage is paid at \$0.77 per kilometre. Members must attend the meetings to be eligible for the meeting fees.

2.2.6 The establishment of the RDMC did not form part of the representation review arrangements for the 2010 local body elections and its structure was not required to be reviewed as part of the Representation Review in 2012.

2.3 Māori Representation

2.3.1 Māori Wards are a legal method of establishing Māori engagement, but many local authorities have chosen to use other methods of engagement with Iwi including some in a non-legal capacity such as Iwi Advisory Boards, Māori Focus Groups or Māori Liaison Committees or Iwi Standing Committees of Council.

2.3.2 The legal and non-legal methods of Māori representation are complex and diverse and the Ruapehu District is not alone in considering them. A Human Rights Commission report published in 2010 did a survey on the amount of Councils that had considered and not considered establishing Māori Wards (*Human Rights Commission Report 2010* http://www.hrc.co.nz/hrc_new/hrc/cms/files/documents/08-Nov-2010_16-07-00_MāoriRepresentation_web.pdf).

2.3.3 The report identified that 64 territorial authorities (TAs) and ten regional authorities had responded to the survey. Of the 64 TAs, 54 had considered establishing Māori Wards. Of the ten Regional Councils, nine had considered Māori Wards and one had not.

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- 2.3.4 Some of the comments made by survey respondents questioned the following:
- The effectiveness of enhancing Māori representation through a binding poll of electors.
 - Whether the number(s) based on the proportion of population is appropriate to a local authority to determine Māori wards.
 - The effectiveness of maintaining indigenous rights for both tangata whenua (Māori directly affiliated to land within the District) and taura here (Māori residing in the District without an affiliation to the land).
 - Whether there is a need to establish both legal and non-legal methods.

Discussion

3.1 As stated above, a decision on whether or not Māori Wards are appropriate for the Ruapehu District is not formally part of the Representation Review process. However, should Council decide to have Māori Wards, the electoral preparations form part of the Representation Review.

3.2 As part of the discussions at the meetings held in 2008 and 2009, local iwi were asked to consider the following options as a method of engaging with Council:

- Iwi Advisory Board.
- Liaison Committee.
- Iwi Standing Committee of Council.
- Māori Wards.

3.3 Feedback from the Meetings 2008/2009

3.3.1 A response received from Ngāti Hari Hapu supported an Iwi Standing Committee of Council. Ngāti Rangi Trust supported an Iwi Advisory Board that would lead to investigating the options of an Iwi Standing Committee of Council and Māori Wards.

3.3.2 Ngāti Rangi also stated that Māori representation needed to establish long term relationships and quality representation in Council's decision making and had a preference to support tangata whenua seats. Following the establishment of the RDMC, Ngāti Rangi declined a seat at the table and is still not part of the forum to date.

3.3.3 Despite this, Council and Ngāti Rangi have maintained a good working relationship over the years and there are a number of other local iwi groups that Council has directly consulted with from time to time as they are not part of the forum.

3.3.4 It is not envisaged that the decision to have Māori Wards would affect these processes and Council will uphold its relationship with these groups until such time that they would request a different approach.

3.3.5 Nga Hapu o Uenuku requested information about the Committee and whether it had decision-making powers or whether it made recommendations. They had a preference to support a forum for tangata whenua only.

3.3.6 Other feedback highlighted the need to look at an overarching comprehensive strategy in order to sustain future relationships between Council and Iwi, and had a preference for developing and endorsing these strategies first.

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3.4 Te Kaunihera Māori Meeting 4 July 2014

- 3.4.1 The option for Māori Wards was discussed by Members at its meeting on 4 July 2014. While the general consensus supported the current formation of Te Kaunihera Māori, interest was indicated for Māori Wards.
- 3.4.2 Members discussed the implications of establishing Māori Wards such as the legislative requirements being restrictive in terms of iwi being fairly represented throughout the District. In 2008/09, it was estimated that the Ruapehu District would have been allocated one Māori Ward Member to represent the whole of the District.
- 3.4.3 Furthermore, the decision-making for Māori Wards would require a resolution by Council or be requested by a poll of electors. Members also acknowledged that Te Kaunihera Māori was still in its infancy and that it needed time to develop and any decisions made at this stage would be premature.
- 3.4.4 After a lengthy discussion, Members resolved that Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu Forum remain as status quo.
- 3.4.5 No other Iwi consultation or consultation with the general public has been undertaken in terms of discussing Māori Wards.

3.5 The Number of Representatives

- 3.5.1 If Council resolved to have Māori Wards and this was not revoked by a poll, the representation details (boundaries, number of members etc.) would then be worked through.
- 3.5.2 The rules for calculating the number of members are set out in Schedule 1A of the LEA.
- 3.5.3 The following formula is used to calculate the number of seats:

$$nmm = \frac{mepd}{mepd + gepd} \times nm$$

where—

- nmm is the number of Māori ward members.
 - mepd is the Māori electoral population of the district.
 - gepd is the general electoral population of the district.
 - nm is the proposed number of members of the territorial authority (other than the mayor).
- 3.5.4 The “general electoral population” means total ordinarily resident population as shown in the last periodical census of population and dwellings with the exception of the Māori electoral population.
- 3.5.5 The “Māori electoral population” means a figure representing both the persons registered as electors of the Māori electoral districts and a proportion of the persons of New Zealand Māori descent who are not registered as electors of any electoral district and a proportion of the persons of New Zealand Māori descent under the age of 18 years (*Section 5 Local Electoral Act 2001 & Section 3 Electoral Act 1993*).
- 3.5.6 The population figures used in the formula to calculate the number of seats must be formally provided by the Government Statistician.

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3.5.7 The Local Government Commission has prepared a table that shows the number of members that would be elected from Māori wards and General Wards if Māori Wards were adopted in a District.

3.5.8 The table assumes that the current total membership of Council would remain unchanged. The populations are the Māori Electoral Population (MEP) and the General Electoral Population (GEP) estimated by Statistics New Zealand as at 30 June 2013 (*Local Government Commission http://www.lgc.govt.nz/lgcwebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Representation-Reviews-Index*).

3.5.9 For the Ruapehu District these figures are:

	MEPD	GEPD	Total Population	Total Members	Māori Ward Members	MWM Rounded
Ruapehu	3640	9390	13,030	11	3.07	3

3.5.10 The above table is an estimate. The actual figures will need to be confirmed. Also, the actual number of Māori Ward member(s) will need to be factored in to the total number of General Ward Members (Councillors). For example, 11 total Members would mean that the General Ward membership allocation would be eight, in order to accommodate the three Māori ward members (ie, 8+3=11).

3.5.11 This would also mean that the current configuration of Wards could not remain. Neither National Park or Ohura would have enough people without major shifts of boundaries.

3.5.12 The number of Māori Ward members could change if a decision was made during the Representation Review to change the total membership of Council.

3.6 Considerations And Options

3.6.1 In making a decision on whether or not to establish Māori Wards, Council might like to consider the following:

- The effectiveness of current arrangements.
- How setting up Māori Wards would affect the current structure of Te Kaunihera Māori.
- How well a ward based approach would suit tangata whenua (Māori affiliated by land) and taura here (Māori residing with no land affiliation).
- The costs of a poll (although this may not be necessary).
- The timeframe set by legislation for establishing Māori Wards.

3.6.2 The net costs for the 2013 local body elections after charging the two District Health Boards and Horizons Regional Council were approximately \$37,000. The cost for a poll is estimated to be about \$20,000 to \$25,000.

3.6.3 Council might like to consider the following three options:

- (a) Resolve to establish Māori Wards.
- (b) Resolve not to establish Māori Wards.
- (c) Resolve to hold a poll on whether or not to establish Māori Wards for the 2019 elections.

3.6.4 Option (c) would enable an opportunity for further discussion to be held with iwi and, given it has been over five years since the establishment of Te Kaunihera Māori, it may be timely to review the legal and non-legal methods. Also, as no other iwi groups have been consulted with outside Te Kaunihera Māori, it may be necessary to seek the opinions of the wider iwi continuum.

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- 3.6.5 Should Council decide on option (a) or (b), the resolution would need to be advertised with a statement that a poll is required to countermand the decision. The decision for a poll would be binding for the 2016 and 2019 elections if the demand for a poll was support by 5% of the electors of the District.
- 3.6.6 To meet the legal requirements of the LEA for the 2016 elections, a decision is required by 23 November 2014. A decision made after this date would apply to the 2019 elections. Another Representation Review would then need to happen, despite a Representation Review being undertaken as part of the 2016 elections.

Suggested Resolution(s)

- 1 That the Report on Māori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review in the Ruapehu District be received.
- 2 That Māori Wards be/not be established in the Ruapehu District for the 2016 local body election in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.



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POLICY PLANNER

01 August 2014

Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: Updates and Progress Report

Document No: 587811

File: M35-0072



Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to allow an opportunity for Council staff to update and discuss any outstanding issues with Members.

Discussion

2.1 Strategic Communications Plan

- 2.1.1 Feedback from Members about the draft Strategic Communications Plan was expected by 25 July 2014. However, nothing has been received to date.

2.2 Te Kaunihera Māori Survey Results

- 2.2.1 The results from the survey undertaken by Rayden Horton (Administrator) during the July school holidays in the townships of Ohakune, Raetihi and Taumarunui are attached to this Report.

2.3 Workshop 6 June 2014

- 2.3.1 At a workshop held on 6 June 2014, Members drafted their proposed boundaries for their respective iwi/hapu/marae representation. Stuart Campbell, Council's Information Systems Administrator has redrafted the proposed boundaries in Council's Geographic Information System (GIS). Copies of the proposed boundary maps have been given to Members. Members are required to check and confirm the draft maps with their respective iwi/hapu/marae.
- 2.3.2 It is envisaged that the draft boundary maps will, at some stage, be ratified by Members but until then, the boundary maps are considered unofficial documents. The purpose of the boundary maps is to assist Council with consultation in terms of resource consent matters. It is understood that some boundary areas may overlap with other iwi. Where this is the case, Council will be guided by the advice of Members in identifying the other iwi that would need to be consulted with.

2.4 List of Apparently Abandoned Land Properties

- 2.4.1 From the list of properties advertised as Apparently Abandoned Land in the Ruapehu Bulletin on 27 May 2014 and the Ruapehu Press on 28 May 2014, the interested parties/owners from the following properties have not made contact with Council to date:
- Valuation Reference: 06040/325.00 - SEC 30 BLK I KAKAHI TN (CT WN21A/747 Wellington Registry) approximately 809 square metres more or less in the name of Te Hirata Otene as to a half share and Riapo Otene as to a half share. The property is located at 31 Takapuna Road, Kakahi.

- Valuation Reference: 06020/013.00 - LOT 26 DPS 6301 (CT SA4B/467 South Auckland Registry) approximately 1,563 square metres more or less in the name William Tepu and Gwen Tepu. The property is located at 239 Golf Road, Taumarunui.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on Updates and Progress Report be received.



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25 August 2014

Attachments Te Kaunihera Māori Survey Results

Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu Survey Results

	Total Surveyed	Have Heard of Māori Council	Haven't Heard of Māori Council	Have interest in knowing more	Have no interest in Knowing more
Ohakune	33	3	30	4	29
Raetihi	12	1	11	8	4
Taumarunui	36	14	22	4	32
Ruapehu District	81	18	63	16	65

Ohakune

In Ohakune approximately 25 people rejected the survey when approached. The majority of people who turned down the survey did so because they were transient visitors. Of all the participants and non-participants only 5 were Māori. In total, 33 people completed the survey, but only 4 people would like more information about Te Kaunihera Māori.

Raetihi

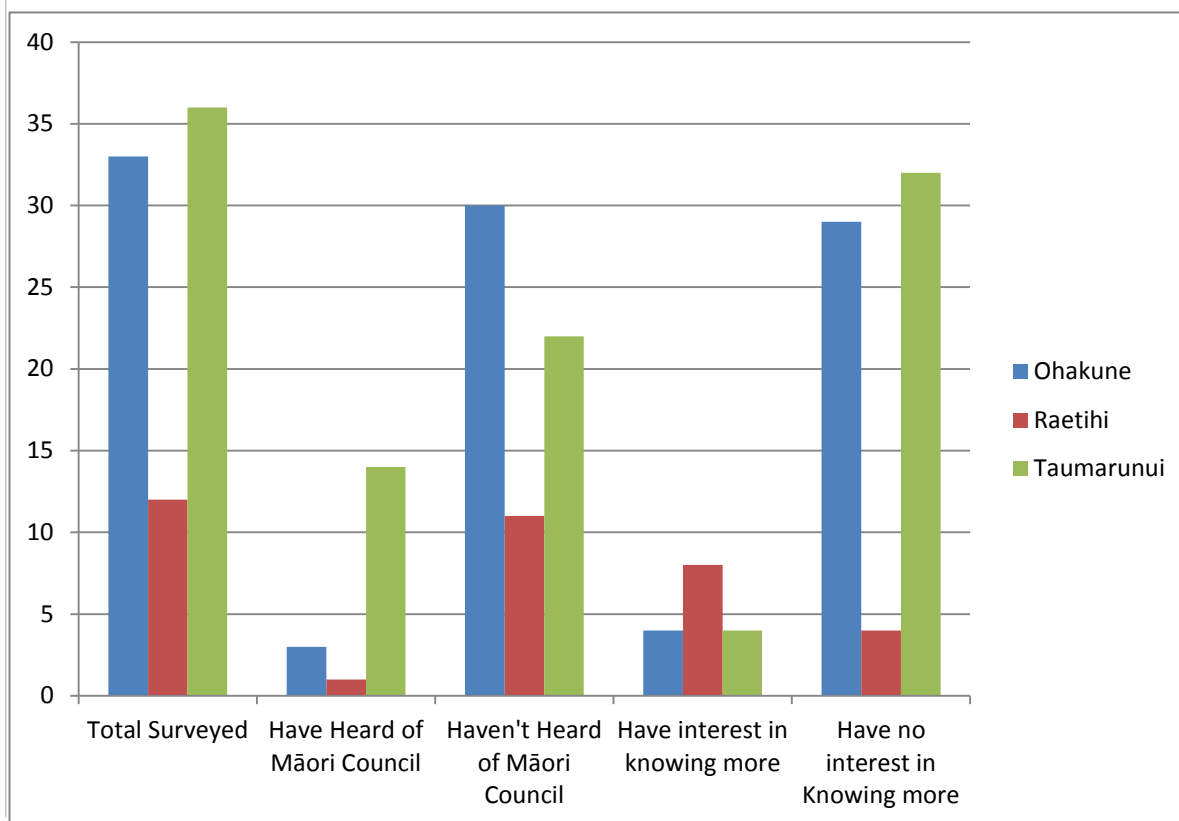
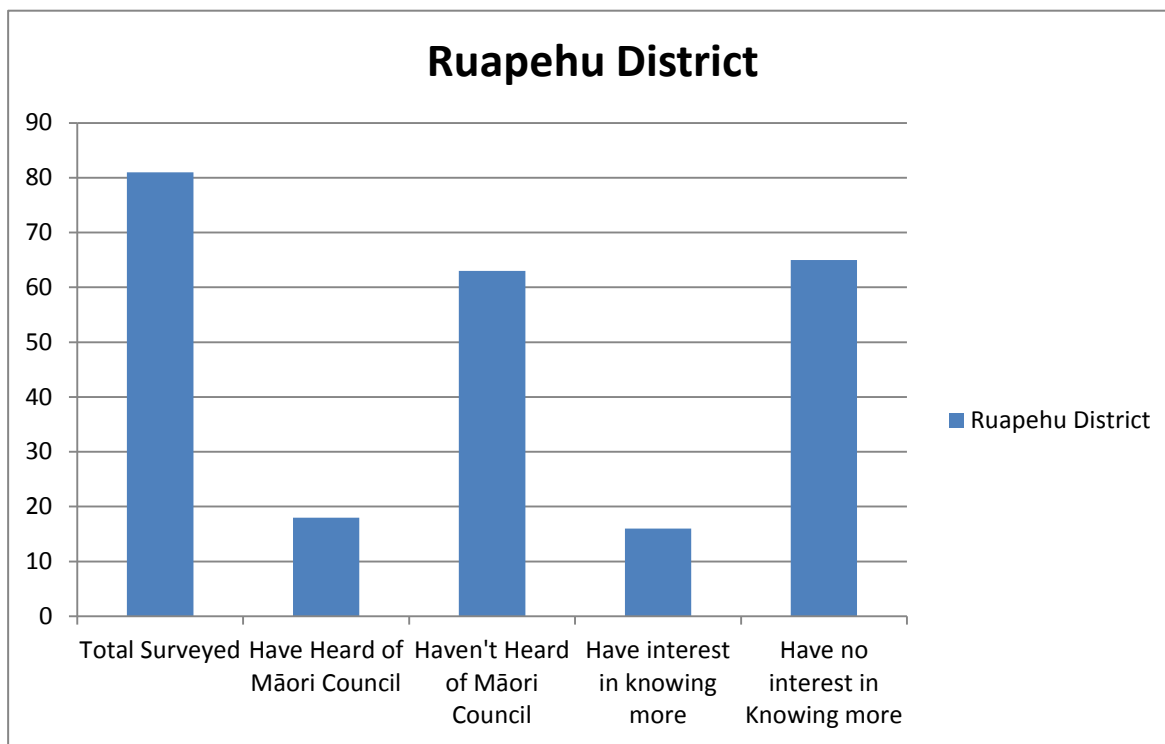
In Raetihi approximately 8 people rejected the survey when approached. Of the 8, at least 4 people stated they were transient visitors and about 4 were Māori, but it is not known whether they lived locally. In total 12 people completed the survey. 1 person had heard of Te Kaunihera Māori and 8 people would like more information.

Taumarunui

In Taumarunui a total of 36 people completed the survey. Of the 36, about 80% were Māori and 32 did not want to know more information about Te Kaunihera Māori. Approximately, 20 people rejected the survey of which, 15 were Māori.

Summary

Overall, a total of 81 people completed the survey. In total, 77% of the people surveyed had not heard of Te Kaunihera Māori and 80% were not interested in knowing more about Te Kaunihera Māori. Some people stated that Te Kaunihera Māori was not necessary to have while others stated that Te Kaunihera Māori should be established as a legal body.



Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: Issues from Representatives

Document No: 587822

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Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to allow Members to raise any issues they may have for discussion.

Discussion

- 2.1 Representatives may bring any relevant issues to the table for discussion.
- 2.2 The issues for discussion from representatives are listed below:**
- 2.2.1 Councillor Pita Pehi:
- Appointment of a Deputy Chairperson
- 2.2.2 Member Tangihaere:
- The role of Māori representatives of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu.

Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Report on Issues from Representatives be received.

Jo Tocker
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25 August 2014

Report to: Te Kaunihera Māori

Meeting Date: 12 September 2014

Subject: Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Te Kaunihera Māori Business

Document No: 587830

File: M35-0072



Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives Council the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

Suggested Resolution(s)

- 1 That the Report on Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Te Kaunihera Māori Business be received.
- 2 That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.
- 3 That the general subject of each matter to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under S 48(1) for passing this resolution
C1: 588038 - List of Māori Land Properties	To protect the privacy of a natural person	48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require are listed above.

Jo Tocker
POLICY PLANNER

25 August 2014